

What is claimed is:

- 1.) A method of controlling in a program-controlled laundry treatment machine of the kind provided with a drum rotatable by a drive motor about a substantially horizontal axis, a measuring device for defining a load parameter as a function of laundry deposited in the drum and with a control responsive to the load parameter for setting the rotational speeds and interspersed idle times of a drive motor of the drum during different intervals of a laundry treatment program, comprising the step of:
 - 10 the control setting upper and lower limits of the number of rotations as a function of the load parameter defined by the measuring device.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the control sets the range between the lower and upper limits in proportion to the load of the laundry.
- 15 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the cycles commence at a low number of rotation.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the control sets the cycle of rotations to 20 yield a rotary profile of substantially trapezoidal configuration.
5. The method of claim 3, wherein the control sets the cycle of rotations to yield a rotary profile of substantially pointed configuration.
- 25 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the lower limit lies between 30 and 40 rpm.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the upper limit lies between 50 and 80 rpm.

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